

## House Resolution No. 2988

**Whereas**, Missouri is the Show-Me State and Dachshunds do not respond to nor are "convinced by frothy eloquence" as declared by the originator of the statement that nicknamed our state; and

**Whereas**, the largest number of immigrants to the United States settling in Missouri before the Civil War came from the German states, and by 1860 55% of Missouri's foreign-born citizens were German natives, and in the 2000 Census 1,313,951, or 23.5% of Missouri's population is of German heritage; and

**Whereas**, Dachshunds reflect Missouri's German heritage and the tenacious, feisty, perseverant, hard-working immigrants who helped settle our state, characteristics for which Dachshunds are also well known; and

**Whereas**, the Dachshund nature further exemplifies the Show-Me spirit, tending to be independent and even stubborn: Dachshunds cannot be forced; and

**Whereas**, Dachshunds also serve as role models by being lively and affectionate, outgoing and friendly, yet curious and mischievous; and

**Whereas**, their centuries-long ancestry built bloodlines that unite them with other hanging-eared Missouri dogs such as pointers, setters, basset hounds, and bloodhounds; and

**Whereas**, Dachshunds represent traditional Missouri pastimes by being serious hunters pursuing foxes, badgers, wolverines, woodchucks, and even wild boar; and

**Whereas**, Dachshunds epitomize the design and engineering principle of "form follows function" as they excel in their capacity to burrow and hunt in underground dens and warrens:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in paying tribute to Dachshunds as they represent Missouri's cultural heritage, history, lifestyle, and the character of the Show-Me State; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Dachshunds.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Vicky Riback Wilson  
District No. 25

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2988, adopted May 12, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker